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Exeter River Study on Course

Town of Exeter hosts public information meeting

Exeter, NH – The town of Exeter, Rockingham Planning Commission and New Hampshire Coastal Program at the Department of Environmental Services will host a public information meeting on May 23, 2007 to update community members on the Exeter River Study. This is the third public meeting on the project since it began in 2005.

The study's goal is to develop a management plan that brings together science and policy to address the multiple issues and regulations that come into play when managing this natural resource. This is important because looking at the issues individually could actually result in making one or more of the problems worse.

For years, flooding, degrading water quality, declining fish populations, and other issues, possibly related to the Great Dam, have been steadily building on one another in Exeter. These overlapping concerns have created a complex web of regulatory requirements on the Great Dam, Colcord Dam and their impoundments.

Meeting attendees will hear an overview of the final report for the Exeter River Study's first phase by consultants Wright-Pierce, a talk on water supply considerations by town staff, and a next steps presentation by the town manager. Other partners in this joint effort, including the New Hampshire Coastal Program and Watershed Assistance Section of the Department of Environmental Services, Fish and Game, and the Rockingham Planning Commission will present thoughts and findings. Copies of the final report are available at the Exeter Town Office and online at www.town.exeter.nh.us.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session.

What: Public Information Meeting Exeter River Study
When: May 23, 2007; 7:00 p.m.
Where: Exeter High School, 315 Epping Road, Exeter New Hampshire

Project partners, including the state of New Hampshire, town of Exeter, Rockingham Planning Commission and others have contributed time and money to the Exeter River Study.

For more information on the public meeting, please contact Theresa Walker of the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885, ext. 114 or visit the town of Exeter's website at www.town.exeter.nh.us.

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